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SELECTIVE ELECTROLESS PLATING)
ON POLYMER SURFACES") Date: December 18, 2001

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claims 4-6, 9, 11, 14-15, and 17 with amended Claims 4-6, 9, 11, 14-15, and 17, which are set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claims 4-6, 9, 11, 14-15, and 17 were amended to produce amended Claims 4-6, 9, 11, 14-15, and 17.)

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the substrate material is an aromatic polymer and the strippable coating comprises a non-aromatic polymer.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising using the same laser to ablate the strippable coating and to activate the

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